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Attorney Docket	GUID-012CON
First Named Inventor	HU, LAWRENCE W.
Application Number	09/900,503
Filing Date	July 6, 2001
Group Art Unit	3732
Examiner Name	SMITH, JEFFREY A.
Title:	"SURGICAL RETRCTOR PLATFORM BLADE APPARATUS"

Sir:

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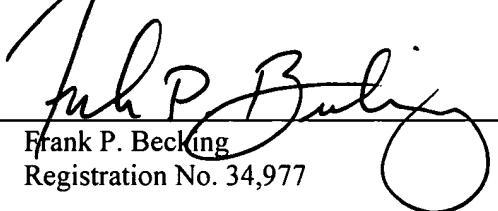
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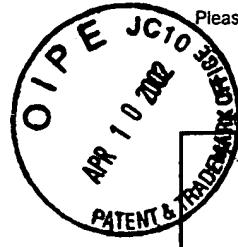
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106	330	206	165 Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255 Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370 Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80 Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)				

1. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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103	18	203	9 Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42 Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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105	130	205	65 Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
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139	130	139	130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200 Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160 Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640 Petition to revive – unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230 Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
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126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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